

Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme

1. The focus of the Scheme shall be on the following works as categorised below:
 - I. Category: A: **PUBLIC WORKS RELATING TO NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT -**
 - (i) **Water conservation** and water harvesting structures to augment and improve groundwater like underground dykes, earthen dams, stop dams, check dams with special focus on recharging ground water including drinking water sources;
 - (ii) **Watershed management** works such as contour trenches, terracing, contour bunds, boulder checks, gabion structures and spring shed development resulting in a comprehensive treatment of a watershed;
 - (iii) Micro and minor irrigation works and creation, renovation and maintenance of **irrigation** canals and drains;
 - (iv) Renovation of **traditional water bodies** including desilting of irrigation tanks and other water bodies;
 - (v) **Afforestation**, tree plantation and horticulture in common and forest lands, road margins, canal bunds, tank foreshores and coastal belts duly providing right to usufruct to the households covered in Paragraph 5; and
 - (vi) Land development works in common land.
 - II. Category B: **INDIVIDUAL ASSETS FOR VULNERABLE SECTIONS (ONLY FOR HOUSEHOLDS IN PARAGRAPH 5)**
 - (i) **Improving productivity of lands** of households specified in Paragraph 5 through land development and by providing suitable infrastructure for irrigation including dug wells, farm ponds and other water harvesting structures;
 - (ii) **Improving livelihoods through** horticulture, sericulture, plantation, and farm forestry;
 - (iii) **Development of fallow or waste lands** of households defined in Paragraph 5 to bring it under cultivation;
 - (iv) Unskilled wage component in **construction of houses** sanctioned under the Indra Awaas Yojana or such other State or Central Government Scheme;
 - (v) Creating infrastructure for **promotion of livestock** such as, poultry shelter, goat shelter, piggery shelter, cattle shelter and fodder troughs for cattle; and
 - (vi) Creating infrastructure for **promotion of fisheries** such as, fish drying yards, storage facilities, and promotion of fisheries in seasonal water bodies on public land;
 - III. Category C: **COMMON INFRASTRUCTURE FOR NRLM COMPLIANT SELF HELP GROUPS**
 - (i) Works for promoting **agricultural productivity** by creating durable infrastructure required for bio-fertilizers and post-harvest facilities including pucca storage facilities for agricultural produce; and
 - (ii) Common work-sheds for livelihood activities of self-help groups.
 - IV. Category D: **RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE:**
 - (i) **Rural sanitation** related works, such as, individual household latrines, school toilet units, Anganwadi toilets either independently or in convergence with schemes of other Government Departments to achieve 'open defecation free' status. and solid and liquid waste management as per prescribed norms

- (ii) Providing all-weather rural **road connectivity** to unconnected villages and to connect identified rural production centres to the existing pucca road network; and construction of pucca **internal roads** or **streets** including side drains and culverts within a village;
- (iii) Construction of **play fields**;
- (iv) Works for improving **disaster preparedness or restoration** of roads or restoration of other essential public infrastructure including flood control and protection works, providing drainage in water logged areas, deepening and repairing of flood channels, chaur renovation, construction of storm water drains for coastal protection;
- (v) Construction of **buildings** for Gram Panchayats, women self-help groups' federations, cyclone shelters, Anganwadi centres, village haats and crematoria at the village or block level.
- (vi) Construction of **Food Grain Storage Structures** for implementing the provisions of The National Food Security Act 2013 (20 of 2013);
- (vii) Production of building material required for construction works under the Scheme as a part of the estimate of such construction works.
- (viii) **Maintenance** of rural public assets created under the Scheme; and
- (viii) **any other work** which may be notified by the State Government in consultation with the Central Government in this regard.(2) The order of priority of works shall be determined by each Gram Panchayat in the meetings of the Gram Sabha keeping in view potential of the local area, its needs, local resources.(3) Works which are non-tangible, not measurable, repetitive such as, removing grass, pebbles, agricultural operations, shall not be taken up.

2. Works creating **individual assets** shall be prioritised on land or homestead owned by households belonging to the:

- (a) Scheduled Castes
- (b) Scheduled Tribes
- (c) nomadic tribes
- (d) denotified tribes
- (e) other families below the poverty line
- (f) women-headed households
- (g) physically handicapped headed households
- (h) beneficiaries of land reforms
- (i) the beneficiaries under the Indira Awaas Yojana
- (j) beneficiaries under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (2 of 2007), and

and after exhausting the eligible beneficiaries under the above categories, on lands of the small or marginal farmers as defined in the Agriculture Debt Waiver and Debt Relief Scheme, 2008 subject to the condition that such households shall have a job card with at least one member willing to work on the project undertaken on their land or homestead.
